

REMARKS

This Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. Claim 156 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

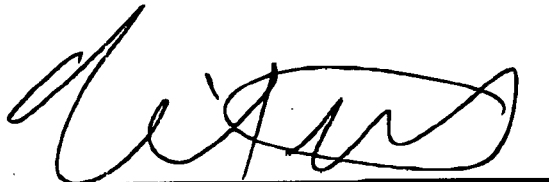
In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being mailed concurrently herewith. A copy of the IDS and modified form PTO-1449 is included herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration of these references formally of record with the initial Office Action.

It should be noted that three (3) of the documents listed in the PTO-1449 have been brought to the Applicants' attention by way of the plaintiff in a proceeding pending U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, namely in Micron Technology Inc. v. Rambus Inc. The plaintiff identified the documents as prior art against the inventions claimed in, among others, U.S. Patent 6,038,195. The '195 Patent is an ancestor patent of the instant Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application. Applicants submit that all of the claims present patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims

156. The method of claim 155 further including sampling [receiving] address information synchronously with respect to the external clock signal.